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THE Prevention of the *Mary* in favour of *Rapin's* History of England, is one of those rash Judgments which they take up with Precipitation, are infatuated with for a while, and at length lay down insensibly, and return to the Use of their sober Reason. That *Rapin* was a Man of Sense and Honesty, was never questioned by an honest, sensible Man; but that he was no good Historian, considered as a Writer of *English* History for *Englishmen*, is a Truth which needs no Proof to those that have read him. One may assure one's self the Person that lately praised him in so decisive a Tone, would have said better Things of Sir *Richard Baker's* Chronicle, and *John Philips's* Continuation of it, tho' every Way inferior to *Rapin*. To shew his Scholarship, he speaks of *Thucydides*, *Polibius*, and *Livy*, in the same Breath with *M. Rapin*, that is, of Historians of the greatest Genius, Judgment, Learning, and Experience, with one who had no such Judgment nor Genius, but Labour and Books to qualify him for such an Undertaking. His Style, which that precious Critick pretends to judge of, as blind Men may of Colours, has neither Dignity, nor Force, nor Diversification; and if we must own it is easy, it is that Sort of Easiness, which, in Things less amusing than *Story*, would soon shew its Effect in the sweetest Slumbers.

'Tis very discouraging to think of endeavouring to set People right in an Error, which has cost them so much Money. They would not be very well pleased with being shewn that they parted with their Understandings in favour of a *Vogus*; but to have parted with their Money too so easily, is what they will not be presently persuaded to believe, or, at least, acknowledge; and tho' Time will certainly convince them they have been in the wrong, they will let nobody else do it: I shall therefore refer to others what may reasonably be said on this Subject, I myself being too much a Party to be heard with Patience upon it.

I have now before me a little Piece lately published at *Amsterdam*, the Title of which translated, is, *A Letter on the Publick Transactions in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth*, containing several Anecdotes, and some critical Reflections on *Mr. Rapin*, relating to the History of that Reign, in which the Writer proves, that *Rapin* mistakes and misrepresents Facts, for want of due Knowledge of the Things he treats of, indeed he says out of Ignorance, *choses totalement ignores de Mr. Rapin*; but being his Countryman, he may take more Liberties with him than will be allowed me.

In relating the Affair of the French Ambassador, charged with being in a Conspiracy with *Stafford* and *Moody*, against the Life of *Queen Elizabeth*; the French Gentleman writes (I give it in *English* only to save Room) *Mr. Rapin*, says, *The Ambassador was confronted with the two Witnesses. Camden says, That only Stafford was examined, and Moody was not produced, Mr. Rapin adds, The Ambassador contented himself with pleading his Privilege; and, if we believe Camden, he made but an ill Defence, which Camden says not a Word of.* *Rapin* omits the Circumstance of *Stafford's* being examined with Consent of the Ambassador. I do not suspect that his Mistakes, says the Author, were with Design, but look on them as done for want of Exactness, un défaut d'Exactitude, by passing from one Canal to another. The Admirable Critick that bestows so much Learning on *Rapin's* Panegyrick, prefers his Exactness to all his other Qualities, which are every one superior to the Talents of all other Historians, if he knows what those Talents are.

RAPIN having undertaken to characterize (a favourite Work with him) *Buchanan* and *Camden*, the French Gentleman writes in his Letter, that, 'for want of sufficient Knowledge of those two Historians, he has made this false Judgment, &c.' He then adds, 'Mr. *Rapin* is entirely out with respect to *Camden*. That Historian did not undertake his Work by Order of

King *James*. He shews us himself in his Preface, he wrote it by Order of the Lord *Burleigh*; his History was printed in the Year 1615, 18 Years after he began it. *Queen Elizabeth* died in 1603. Thus he began it six Years before the Death of that Queen, and consequently before *King James* came to England.

You will perceive, in the Close of my own Letter, that it behoves me to take out of the French Gentleman's what follows, *L'Histoire, &c.* 'The History of *Queen Elizabeth* is the most imperfect Part of his Work, as he himself confesses; and he excuses it by charging *Rymer's* Collection with Sterility, which Sterility *Rapin* conjectures (and he takes great Delight in conjecturing) is owing to the Destruction of the State Papers by *King James*, as to what related to his Mother the *Queen of Scots*, that there might nothing be seen to confirm the Severities against her written by *Buchanan*; but this Conjecture, says the French Gentleman, *n'est qu'un Roman, &c.* is nothing but a Romance, quite opposite to Truth; *Mr. Forbes's* large Collection of publick Acts now in the Press, proves it to be so; and it is with the greatest Pleasure imaginable that I am likely to have the Benefit of that Collection in my History of the Reign of *Queen Elizabeth*, which, you know, I have been upon some time, and it therefore behoved me to let the World see, that I ought not to be hindered in the Execution of my Design, by a false Conceit of the Super-Excellence of *Rapin's* Performance, the Currency of which was owing as much to good Fortune as to Merit. My History of *Queen Elizabeth* is a Part of my next Volume of the History of England, which contains the Reformation Reigns, including that of *Queen Mary*. The three first, *Henry VIII.* *Edward VI.* and *Queen Mary*, are finished, and a good Part of *Queen Elizabeth's*, which shall have the Improvement of the Memoirs that are daily expected, and will thereby have that Perfection, the Want of which *Mr. Rapin* bemoans. I have, in what is done, observed a Multitude of the like Errors in *Rapin*, as the French Gentleman has taken Notice of in this Letter, some of them more pleasant as well as more important; and it will be seen very plainly, that *Rapin's* History was not by himself intended for *English* Readers, any more by the Matter, than by the Language, but is adapted to the Taste of the Continent. My Design shall be explained in my Proposals, which will be published in due Time.

It is very plain, that *Rapin's* being employ'd in abridging the *Fœdera* for *M. le Clerc's* Bibliothèques, (which Abridgment is improved in our ACTA REGIA) put the Thoughts of writing the History of England into his Head, which he perceived he might very much improve by *Rymer's* Helps, as it is said in the French Letter. 'Rapin had a great Advantage over the English Writers, tho' notwithstanding all that, he is not entirely free from Prejudice and Partiality, and still much less from Mistakes.' But the Histories of England that had lately appeared, that of the *Grand Rebellion*, tho' in parcel only, and *Echard's* History, were so full of Misrepresentations, Prejudices, and the most notorious and provoking Partialities, that People were glad to have a History where the Author made a Conscience of what he said, and observed Decency and Discretion; if now and then he made Mistakes in Judgment and Exactness, these were Faults not easily discovered by the Generality of Readers, but easily pardon'd when Discretion and Decency have the Mastery.

If you can spare a Place in your Paper, you may expect to hear farther from

Yours, &c.

JOHN OLDMIXON.

Edinburgh, May 17. Last Thursday Night the Right Hon. John (Elphinstone) Lord Balmorino, departed this Life, at his House in Leith, in the 84th Year of his Age. He was esteemed a wise and good Man, a Lover of Mankind, and more particularly of his Country. In the last Parliament of Scotland he opposed the Union of the two Kingdoms, as thinking it prejudicial to the Honour and Interest of Scotland. He had the Honour to sit in the 3d and 4th Parliaments of Great Britain, under the late *Queen Anne* of Glorious Memory, and was by her Majesty appointed high Sheriff of the County of Edinburgh, and one of the Lords

Commissioners of Police. These many Years past he has lived retired, and leaves Issue by his first Wife, Lady Christian Montgomery, a Daughter of the Family of Eglinton, *James*, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, who succeeds to his Honours and Estate, and Jean Countess of Moray, besides several Grandchildren by his eldest Daughter Margaret, deceased, who was married to Sir John Preston of that Ilk; and (by his second Wife Anne, Daughter to the Right Rev. Dr. Arthur Ross, late Archbishop of St. Andrew's) one Son, Arthur. As this noble Lord's Character is well known in this Country, we shall only add, that his late was perfectly agreeable to the Motto on his Crest (which is a Dove and a Serpent) viz. *Prudentia fraudis nescia*. His Corpse is to be interred To-morrow Night, in a private Manner, agreeably to his own Directions, in the Burial Place of his Family at Restalrig.

Thursday last the Venerable Assembly, after choosing the Moderator, heard read the King's Commission to the most Hon. Marquis of Lothian. Then his Grace produced his Majesty's Letter to the Assembly, which was read with the profoundest Respect and Reverence, as follows:

GEORGE R.

Right trusty and well beloved, we greet you well,

WE are so well satisfied of your Loyalty and Affection to us and our Royal Family, and your zealous Adherence to those Principles which make the Security of our Government, has so manifestly appeared in your former Assemblies, that we most willingly approve and countenance with our Royal Authority, your present Meeting; not doubting but you will come together with the same good Disposition, and that the same Spirit of Moderation and Unanimity will influence all your Deliberations, which we particularly recommend to you, as what will most effectually contribute to the attaining the desirable Ends for which you are convened; and we with Pleasure renew, upon this Occasion, the Assurances we have formerly given you, of our Resolution to maintain inviolably the Church of Scotland in the Enjoyment of its Rights and Privileges, as established by Law.

We have nothing more at Heart than the promoting of true Religion and Virtue, the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery; and as every thing that may any ways tend to the Accomplishment of those good Purposes, must contribute to the Quiet and Happiness of that Church of which you are Members, and to the Welfare of your Country, we persuade ourselves you will always pursue those Measures that may best conduce thereto, wherein you may intirely depend upon our Concurrence and Support.

We have again made Choice of our right trusty and intirely beloved Cousin William Marquis of Lothian, to represent our Royal Person in this Assembly, whose known Abilities to discharge that great Trust, and the Affection and Concern you have experienced in him for the Church of Scotland, will, we doubt not, render him very acceptable to you. And so we bid you heartily farewell.

Given at our Court at St. James's the 28th Day of April, 1736, in the 9th Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

HOLLIS NEWCASTLE.

Then his Grace addressed the Assembly by a Speech as usual, which was returned by one from the Moderator. Appointed the ordinary Committees, particularly one to form the Draught of an Answer to the King's Letter, and that of an Address on the Royal Nuptials.

Friday spent in Prayer.

Saturday the Draught of the Answer to the King's Letter was read; but some Expressions being added in the Close of one of its Paragraphs, to the following Purpose, *hoping, from his Majesty's Goodness, that this Church shall yet be relieved from the Grievance of Patronages*, some Members opposed the inserting these Expressions; and 'twas objected, That as, in common Correspondence, it was unusual to deviate, at least, from the Intention of the Letter we are about to answer, so in a particular Manner, on this Occasion, 'twas most proper to add nothing extrinsick, but to keep constant



In View the Royal Letter, wherein there was nothing that had the least Tendency to Patronages. 'Twas answered, that the Assembly had, in the late Reign, used the like Expressions in their Answer to the King's Letter. But, in Reply, it was alledged, that however expedient such Remonstrances might have been in the Beginning of his late Majesty's Reign, yet now, after the Church had laboured that Affair by her Commissioners, it would seem prudent to leave out these Words: Yet, on a Division, it was carried, that the Words should stand Part of the Answer to the Royal Letter; but many of the Members chose not to vote.

The Copy of a most dutiful, loyal, and congratulatory Address on the auspicious Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with the Princess Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, being read, was unanimously agreed to; and his Grace, upon Application, promised to transmit the same, together with their Answer to the King's Letter, under his Cover.

Norwich, May 18. Last Sunday Morning a young Man and his Sweetheart, who had been walking Abroad, went into the Cross-Keys Alehouse in Magdalen-street, and one of the Dragoon's Carbines standing loaded in the Room, and the young Man foolishly taking it up to play with, it unluckily went off, and shot the young Woman, his Sweetheart, dead on the Spot. At Night the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict Manslaughter; upon which the young Fellow was that Night committed to our City Gaol, where he seems in a manner distracted. His Name is Francis Thirkil, and her's Sarah Turner.

Ipswich, May 22. Whereas a rich Merchant Ship came on Shore some time since, and was wrecked upon the Lordship of the Hon. Pryce Devereux, Esq; of Sudborn-Hall in this County, and Member of Parliament for Montgomeryshire; who not only generously relinquished his Right in the same, as Lord of the Manor, to the Value of near 1500l. but protected the Master and Sailors from Insults, and assisted them in saving their Goods to a great Value. The Merchants concerned in the said Ship have lately made that worthy Gentleman a Present of rich Wines and other Things of considerable Value, as a grateful Acknowledgment of his disinterested Publick Spirit.

We hear from Harwich, That last Monday Mr. Benjamin Phillips, Master of a Cod-Skute, hanged himself there with his Garters in his Chamber, the Reason not known. And last Tuesday Morning one Hubbard, with a young Man named Roberts, took an open Boat to meet the Packets, but by a sudden Gult of Wind was overfet near the Andrews, and both drown'd. And from the same Place this Week, a poor Woman was found dead in her Bed within an Hour after her drinking excessively of spirituous Liquors.

Canterbury, May 22. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury has given the Vicarage of Elmstedes (void by the Death of Mr. Spakeling) to the Reverend John Conant, M. A. Rector of Hastingley.

Peter Moor, George Lee and Patrick Finan (as they call themselves) who were apprehended at Tenterden, and committed to his Majesty's Gaol for the Eastern Division of the County of Kent, on Suspicion of robbing and shooting Mr. John Roberts, were at the last Quarter Sessions held on the 7th of this instant May, order'd to be publicly whipped at St. Dunstan's Cross near this City on Saturday the 8th Instant, (which was put in Execution accordingly) and this Day being the 22d, at Ashford, as Vagrants wandering and begging about the Country, and as dangerous Persons to the People of this Country.

L O N D O N.

By a Mail arrived Yesterday from Holland, there's Advice, that Prince Charles of Lorain has the Small-Pox, but is like to do very well, the Method taken for his Cure being that which is practised by the famous Dr. Boerhaave of Leyden.

The Spaniards have begun to take Revenge on the Pope's Subjects for their late Insults on the Ministers and Officers of their Masters. With this View, we hear they have actually burnt down the City of Ostia, a Bishop's See at the Mouth of the Tyber, noted for the Death of Monica the Mother of St. Austlin, and for being always given to the Deacon of the Cardinals who crowns the Pope, and is therefore reckon'd the highest Dignity in St. Peter's Patrimony next to his own. The Citizens of Ostia, it seems, lately apprehended some Spanish Officers, and rescued Soldiers from them that they had fairly lifted. This, no doubt, has alarm'd the Citizens of Rome, whose Consternation is the greater, by the News they have heard, that the 3000 Men landed at Terracina, are in full March towards their Capital. At the same time they are expecting a hostile Visit from the Troops of Naples, who are coming with a considerable Quantity of Ammunition and Bombs, and a great Train of Artillery. The Ministers and Subjects both of Spain and Naples, are

hurrying away from Rome, and the Pope's Nuncio at Naples has been order'd to quit that City in twice 24 Hours, and the Kingdom in 8 Days time. The Inhabitants of the Campania are retiring in great Numbers to Rome, for fear of being ill used by the Spaniards.

There's a great Division in the Senate at Genoa, whether the Republick shall exert itself for preventing the Loss of the Isle of Corsica; or whether they shall part with it on the best Terms they can. Mean time the Malecontents have block'd up 4 other Towns, which with Bastia, are the only Ports of which the Genoese remain in Possession; and the Lord Theodore, who after being crown'd with Laurel in the Middle of the Army, was hoisted upon Men's Shoulders, to be shewn to the Soldiers, pays the Troops every 3 Days with the Gold Coin of Barbary, call'd Sultanini, but by whom he is supported nobody knows.

The 3 Colleges of the Dyet of the Empire, viz. that of Princes, that of Electors, and that of the Cities, have unanimously resolv'd to approve of the Preliminaries, to thank his Imperial Majesty for his Paternal Care for the Welfare of the Empire, of which he has given such strong Proofs during the present Negotiation, and to grant him a full Power for perfecting the great Work of Peace, &c.

Yesterday Morning Mr. Barnard Hawkins, the Prime of Wales's House-keeper in Pall-mall, and Yeoman of the Wine Cellar to his Royal Highness, died of an Apoplexy and dead Palsy, with which he was seized on Thursday last. And his Royal Highness has been pleas'd to appoint his Wife to succeed him in those Places.

The same Day her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who has been very ill of the Measles at St. James's, was judg'd to be in a fair Way of Recovery.

Their Royal Highnesses will not remove to Kensington, till her Majesty, the Duke, and Princesses repair thither from Kew.

Yesterday the four Malefactors formerly mentioned, were executed at Tyburn. But the fifth, Daniel Malden, found Means to make his Escape out of Newgate the Night before.

The same Day Jack Catch was committed to Newgate, for cutting a Woman's Pocket in St. Gyles's.

Custom-house, London, 21st May, 1736.

For S A L E.

By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, &c.

ON Wednesday the 2d, and Friday the 4th Days of June next, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Days, will be put up to Sale, in the Long Room at the Custom-house, London, several Parcels of Bohea and Green Tea, Raw and Roasted Coffee, Brandy, Rum, Geneva and Tobacco, clear of all Duties.

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This Day is published,

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Restore free Converse to its native Light,
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Poem to the AUTHOR.

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